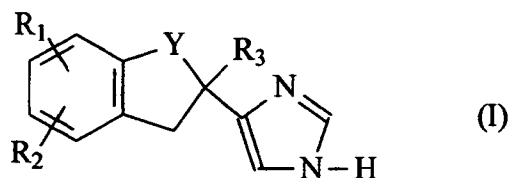


IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form ~~containing~~ comprising: [[,]] as an active ingredient, a substituted imidazole derivative of general formula (I):



~~wherein Y is -CH₂- or -CO-, R₁ is halo or hydroxy, R₂ is H or halo, and R₃ is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C₁ to C₄ alkyl, preferably C₁ or C₂ alkyl), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of the general formula (I) as an active ingredient, so as to ~~promote pre-gastric absorption of the active ingredient,~~~~

~~and one or more matrix forming agents comprising one or more of gelatin and a cyclic sugar,~~

~~wherein Y is -CH₂- or -CO-, R₁ is halo or hydroxy, R₂ is H or halo, and R₃ is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C₁ to C₄ alkyl, preferably C₁ or C₂ alkyl), and~~

~~wherein the fast-dispersing, solid dosage form is formulated to promote pre-gastric absorption of the active ingredient and to disintegrate within 10 seconds of being placed in the oral cavity.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 2, which comprises a network of the active ingredient and a water-soluble or water-dispersible carrier which is inert towards the active ingredient, the network having been obtained by subliming solvent from a composition in the solid state, said composition comprising the active ingredient and a solution of the carrier in a solvent.

4.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [[5]]1, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise gelatin and at least one cyclic sugar.

7. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the gelatin is fish gelatin.

8. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cyclic sugar is mannitol.

9. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.

10. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [[4]]1, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.

11. (Original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amino acid is glycine.
12. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$.
13. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo or hydroxy.
14. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo.
15. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is 5-halo.
16. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is fluoro.
17. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen.
18. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_3 is ethyl.

19. (Cancelled)